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Listing Of Claims

Claims 41-68 are pending. Please cancel claims 41, 42, 51, and 52 without prejudice or disclaimer. Please amend claims 43-45, 49-50, 53-56, and 60-68 as shown below:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

1.-42. (cancelled)

43. (currently amended) An image capture apparatus ~~according to claim 41, wherein the control unit also controls the recording process using a first white balance value indicating a white balance of an image captured before the switch is operated and a second white balance value indicating a white balance of an image captured after the switch is operated, comprising:~~

an image capture unit adapted to capture an image using an image pickup element;

a switch adapted to instruct the image capture apparatus to start a recording process of recording a captured image to a recording medium; and

a control unit adapted to control the recording process using (a) a first white

balance value indicating a white balance of an image captured before the

switch is operated, (b) a second white balance value indicating a white

balance of an image captured after the switch is operated, (c) a first

exposure value indicating an exposure of an image captured before the

switch is operated and (d) a second exposure value indicating an exposure

of an image captured after the switch is operated.

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44. (currently amended) An image capture apparatus according to claim 43, wherein the image capture apparatus is capable of determining whether to issue a warning to a user or not ~~according to a difference between~~ using the first white balance value, ~~[[and]] the second white balance value,~~ the first exposure value and the second exposure value.
45. (currently amended) An image capture apparatus comprising:
an image capture unit adapted to capture an image using an image pickup element;
a switch adapted to instruct the image capture apparatus to start a recording process of recording a captured image ~~[[in]]~~ to a recording ~~[[unit]]~~ medium; and
a control unit adapted to control the recording process, using a first white balance value indicating a white balance of an image captured before the switch is operated and a second white balance value indicating a white balance of an image captured after the switch is operated.
46. (previously presented) An image capture apparatus according to claim 45, wherein the image capture apparatus is capable of determining whether to issue a warning to a user or not using the first white balance value and the second white balance value.
47. (previously presented) An image capture apparatus according to claim 45, wherein the control unit also controls the recording process using a first exposure

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value indicating an exposure of an image captured before the switch is operated and a second exposure value indicating an exposure of an image captured after the switch is operated.

48. (previously presented) An image capture apparatus according to claim 47, wherein the image capture apparatus is capable of determining whether to issue a warning to a user or not using the first exposure value and the second exposure value.
49. (currently amended) An image capture apparatus according to claim ~~[[41]]~~ 43, wherein the image capture apparatus is capable of determining whether to ~~stop performing start~~ the recording process or not using the first white balance value, the second white balance value, the first exposure value and the second exposure value.
50. (currently amended) An image capture apparatus according to claim 45, wherein the image capture apparatus is capable of determining whether to ~~stop performing start~~ the recording process or not using the first white balance value and the second white balance value.
- 51.-52. (canceled)
53. (currently amended) A method ~~according to claim 51, further comprising a step of controlling the recording process using a first white balance value indicating a white balance of an image captured before the switch is operated and a second white balance value indicating a white balance of an image captured after the~~

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switch is operated for an image capture apparatus, the image capture apparatus includes an image capture unit adapted to capture an image using an image pickup element; and a switch adapted to instruct the image capture apparatus to start a recording process of recording a captured image to a recording medium, the method comprising:

a step of controlling the recording process using (a) a first white balance value indicating a white balance of an image captured before the switch is operated, (b) a second white balance value indicating a white balance of an image captured after the switch is operated, (c) a first exposure value indicating an exposure of an image captured before the switch is operated and (d) a second exposure value indicating an exposure of an image captured after the switch is operated.

54. (currently amended) A method according to claim 53, further comprising a step of determining whether to issue a warning to a user or not using the first white balance value, [[and]] the second white balance value, the first exposure value and the second exposure value.
55. (currently amended) A method according to claim [[51]] 53, further comprising a step of determining whether to ~~stop performing~~ start the recording process or not using the first white balance value, the second white balance value, the first exposure value and the second exposure value.

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56. (currently amended) A method ~~of controlling~~ for an image capture apparatus, ~~which the image capture apparatus~~ includes an image capture unit adapted to capture an image using an image pickup element element; and a switch adapted to instruct the image capture apparatus to start a recording process of recording a captured image ~~[[in]] to~~ a recording ~~[[unit]]~~ medium, the method ~~including~~ comprising:
- a ~~Step~~ step of controlling the recording process using a first white balance value indicating a white balance of an image captured before the switch is operated and a second white balance value indicating a white balance of an image captured after the switch is operated.
57. (previously presented) A method according to claim 56, further comprising a step of determining whether to issue a warning to a user or not using the first white balance value and the second white balance value.
58. (previously presented) A method according to claim 56, further comprising a step of controlling the recording process using a first exposure value indicating an exposure of an image captured before the switch is operated and a second exposure value indicating an exposure of an image captured after the switch is operated.
59. (previously presented) A method according to claim 58, further comprising a step of determining whether to issue a warning to a user or not using the first exposure value and the second exposure value.

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60. (currently amended) A method according to claim 56, further comprising a step of determining whether to ~~stop performing~~ start the recording process or not using the first white balance value and the second white balance value.
61. (currently amended) An image capture apparatus comprising:
an image capture unit adapted to capture an image using an image pickup element; and
a switch adapted to instruct the image capture apparatus to start a recording process of recording a captured image [[in]] to a recording [[unit;]] medium,
wherein the image capture apparatus is capable of determining whether to issue a warning to a user or not using (a) a first exposure value indicating an exposure of an image captured before the switch is operated, [[and]] (b) a second exposure value indicating an exposure of an image captured after the switch is operated, (c) a first white balance value indicating a white balance of an image captured before the switch is operated, and (d) a second white balance value indicating a white balance of an image captured after the switch is operated.
62. (currently amended) An image capture apparatus according to claim 61, wherein the image capture apparatus is capable of determining whether to ~~stop performing~~ start the recording process or not using the first exposure value, [[and]] the second exposure value, the first white balance value, the second white balance value.

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63. (currently amended) An image capture apparatus comprising:
- an image capture unit adapted to capture an image using an image pickup element; and
 - a switch adapted to instruct the image capture apparatus to start a recording process of recording a captured image ~~[[in]]~~ to a recording ~~[[unit;]]~~ medium,
- wherein the image capture apparatus is capable of determining whether to issue a warning to a user or not using a first white balance value indicating a white balance of an image captured before the switch is operated and a second white balance value indicating a white balance of an image captured after the switch is operated.
64. (currently amended) An image capture apparatus according to claim 63, wherein the image capture apparatus is capable of determining whether to ~~stop performing~~ start the recording process or not using the first white balance value and the second white balance value.
65. (currently amended) A method ~~of controlling for~~ for an image capture apparatus, ~~which the image capture apparatus~~ which the image capture apparatus includes an image capture unit adapted to capture an image using an image pickup element; and a switch adapted to instruct the image capture apparatus to start a recording process of recording a captured image ~~[[in]]~~ to a recording ~~[[unit]]~~ medium, the method comprising:
- a step of determining whether to issue a warning to a user or not using (a) a first exposure value indicating an exposure of an image captured before

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the switch is operated, ~~[[and]]~~ (b) a second exposure value indicating an exposure of an image captured after the switch is operated, (c) a first white balance value indicating a white balance of an image captured before the switch is operated, and (d) a second white balance value indicating a white balance of an image captured after the switch is operated.

66. (currently amended) A method according to claim 65, further comprising a step of determining whether to ~~stop performing~~ start the recording process or not using the first exposure value, ~~[[and]]~~ the second exposure value, the first white balance value and the second white balance value.

67. (currently amended) A method ~~of controlling~~ for an image capture apparatus, ~~which the image capture apparatus~~ includes an image capture unit adapted to capture an image using an image pickup element; and a switch adapted to instruct the image capture apparatus to start a recording process of recording a captured image ~~[[in]] to a recording [[unit]]~~ medium, the method comprising:

a step of determining whether to issue a warning to a user or not using a first white balance value indicating a white balance of an image captured before the switch is operated and a second white balance value indicating a white balance of an image captured after the switch is operated.

68. (currently amended) A method according to claim 67, further comprising a step of determining whether to ~~stop performing~~ start the recording process or not using the first white balance value and the second white balance value.